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SUBJ: TDY ASSISTANCE FOR COCA ALTERNATE CROP PLANNING

1. USDA TEAM WILL BE MURRAY H. GASKINS, PLANT PHYSIOLOGIST; HAROLD F. WINTERS, HORTICULTURIST; AND JAMES A DUKE, BOTANIST. ALL ARE FROM AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE (ARS), USDA. DR. IMLE UNABLE TO ACCOMPANY GROUP, BUT GASKINS AND WINTERS HAVE ALREADY MET WITH HIM. DUKE IS CURRENTLY ON A PROJECT IN ARIZONA.

2. TEAM WILL ARRIVE IN LA PAZ ON OR ABOUT MAY 13. EXACT TRAVEL PLANS WILL BE CABLED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN CENTRALLY HEATED HOTEL REQUESTED.

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3. ALL TEAM MEMBERS STATE THEY HAVE WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF

SPANISH. HOWEVER, TRANSLATING HELP MIGHT BE REQUIRED UNDER SOME CIRCUMSTANCES.

4. DEPARTMENT HAS RECONFIRMED TO TEAM THAT FRANK RAVNDAL AND EARL SMITH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO WORK WITH TEAM AS NEEDED AND THAT EMBASSY PREPARED TO PROVIDE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE IT CAN.

5. TEAM PLANS STAY IN BOLIVIA AT LEAST TWO WEEKS AND POSSIBLY THREE, DEPENDING ON PACE OF WORK. TRAVEL SCHEDULE WITHIN BOLIVIA WILL DEPEND UPON PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS UPON ARRIVAL IN LA PAZ WITH EMBASSY AND MISSION OFFICES AND BOLIVIAN OFFICIALS. WHETHER TEAM SHOULD SPLIT UP FOR INTERNAL TRAVEL OR NOT ALSO DEPENDS UPON PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS. TEAM PREPARED TO FOLLOW YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS ON SUCH MATTERS.

6. TEAM REQUESTS THAT FOLLOWING INFORMATION BE GATHERED IF AVAILABLE AND HELD FOR TEAM'S ARRIVAL:

A. RAINFALL RECORDS AND SEASONAL DISTRIBUTION NATIONALLY AND PARTICULARLY FOR COCA GROWING AREAS;

B. SOIL SURVEYS FOR COCA GROWING AREAS.

C. THREE SETS OF ALL APPROPRIATE MAPS OF COCA GROWING AREAS.

D. IDENTIFICATION OF ANY SIGNIFICANT COCA GROWING AREAS THERE MIGHT BE IN ADDITION TO THE YUNGAS AND CHAPARE.

7. IF ARTHUR D'ANTONIO STILL IN BOLIVIA, TEAM WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH HIM. RUSH

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